

The LEAFLET



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Stay Safe and Informed with AlertOC

AlertOC, a free resource available to Orange County residents and businesses, recently conducted its 4th annual test. The public mass notification system called and/or emailed over two million Orange County residents. In the event of an actual emergency, AlertOC provides valuable information along with recommended safety procedures.

Register your phone number and/or email address at <https://CityofLakeForest.bbcportal.com/> to receive time-sensitive messages from the County of Orange or Lake Forest. If you are already registered, make sure your contact information is up to date.

AlertOC app now
available on iPhones
& Android devices!
Search for Blackboard
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FAQs

Does AlertOC replace other emergency notification systems?

No. Emergency phone lines, the City website, and social media outlets will continue to broadcast emergency announcements.

If I provided more than one phone number, what number will be called?

AlertOC will simultaneously call all phone numbers provided.

Will AlertOC call numbers outside of Orange County's area codes?

Yes. The area code does not impact whether or not a call is made.

How does AlertOC respond to busy signals or no-answer situations?

For busy signals, call waiting signals, or when there is no answer, the call is repeated several times. If the phone is answered by a recorder, the message will be left on the answering machine.

If I am listening to a message live, is there a way to repeat it?

Yes, press the star (*) key.

Where can I get more information?

Visit www.AlertOC.com, or call the City at 461-3461.

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CITY MANAGER'S



Message

As 2013 comes to an end, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on a few of the City's more recent accomplishments. The FY 2013-14 Budget-At-A-Glance (page 3) highlights the City's financial standing and emphasizes our commitment to fiscal responsibility, as well as our community priorities. Our conservative fiscal strategy has resulted in the City operating on an \$881,000 surplus, an impressive feat considering the City's high service levels and today's economy!

The largest public project thus far in the City's history – the Lake Forest Sports Park and Recreation Center – will bring more recreational opportunities to the community. After several months of hard work, the recreation center's walls are up, several access roads have been built, and irrigation is being installed for the 87-acre sports park. This project will continue to be a major focus as we prepare for the grand opening in late 2014! Also in the pipeline, Tamarisk and Rimgate Parks will have a fresh look with new restrooms, beautiful landscaping, and new playground equipment and shade sails.

Last but not least, the City introduced new services – notary and passports. Read page 4 for some helpful tips in obtaining or renewing your passport. We will also soon debut Lake Forest Records Online – a new online system that will increase access to public records!

As always, we are committed to maintaining the high quality of life residents and businesses have come to expect from Lake Forest.

Happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

Robert C. Dunek,
City Manager



U.S. Marine Corps 1st Law Enforcement Battalion Adoption Ceremony

Saturday, November 16

**Sign up to volunteer
for the Community Committee!**

Join us on Saturday, November 16 at the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Law Enforcement Battalion Adoption Ceremony kick-off event at Heroes Park (25420 Jeronimo Road). Guests will have a chance to meet over 100 of the Marines the community will be "adopting." Event highlights include a brass quintet performance, weapons displays, Humvees and tactical vehicles, military working dogs, and free food and refreshments. Community members will also have a chance to sign up to volunteer to support the unit by serving on the Battalion Adoption Committee.

Schedule of Events:

- Displays open at 9:30 a.m.
- Ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m.
- Reception begins at 11:15 a.m.

Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 5
- Tuesday, November 19
- Tuesday, December 3
- Tuesday, December 17

Budget-At-A-Glance

FY 2013-14 General Fund Budget

Budget Basics

Each year, the City adopts a General Fund Operating Budget which is a forecast of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year. In FY 2013-14, we are proud to report that the City is operating on an \$881,000 surplus.

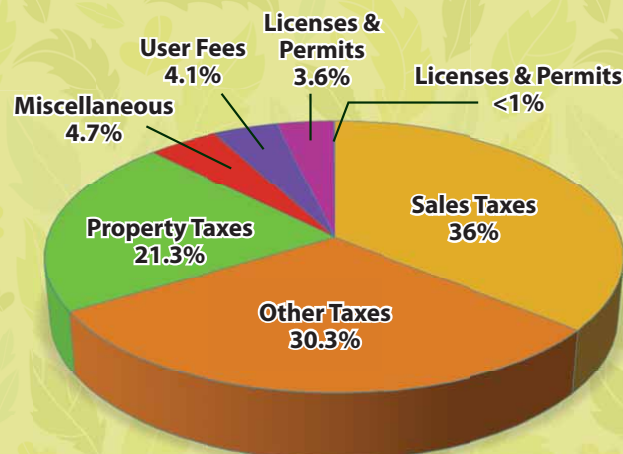
The **Operating Budget** is composed of a number of different funds, the largest of which is the **General Fund**. This is the primary fund that is used to pay for services, programs, and daily City operations, and is also used to offset the cost of general obligations.

The current **Capital Budget** covers a two-year cycle from July 2013 to June 2015. This budget is a plan for investment in the City's infrastructure for multi-year projects such as transportation, parks and recreation, and street improvements.

General Fund Revenues FY 13-14 Adopted Budget

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| Sales Taxes | \$12,900,000 |
| Other Taxes | \$10,876,200 |
| <i>(hotel tax, franchise fees)</i> | |
| Property Taxes | \$7,636,300 |
| <i>(real property tax transfer, vehicle in-lieu backfill)</i> | |
| Miscellaneous | \$1,676,100 |
| <i>(fines, reimbursements)</i> | |
| User Fees | \$1,469,500 |
| <i>(recreation programs, permit fees)</i> | |
| Licenses & Permits | \$1,305,000 |
| Other Government | \$19,000 |
| <i>(motor vehicle fees, various grants)</i> | |

Total Revenues **\$35,882,100**

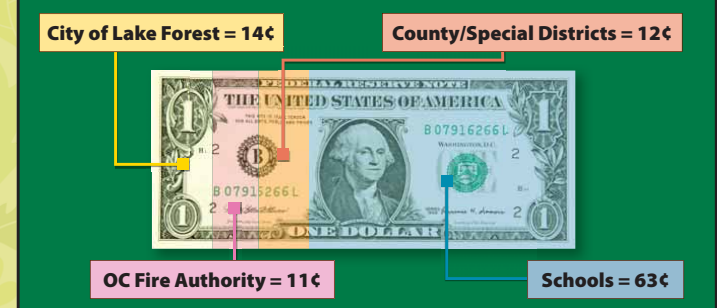


Revenues "Where the Money Comes From"

Budget Priorities

- Maintain a financially sound budget.
- Maintain City streets and improve traffic flow.
- Expand the economic development program focusing on neighborhood revitalization and employer attraction.
- Utilize technology to enhance communications.
- Ensure public safety remains a priority.
- Enhance recreational opportunities.

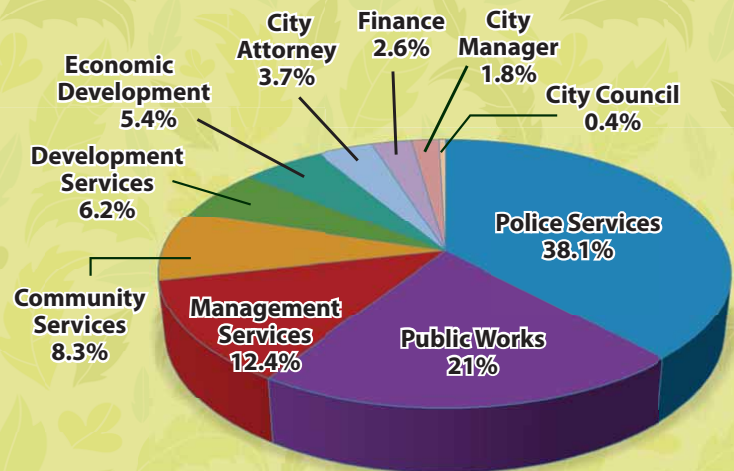
WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO



General Fund Expenditures FY 13-14 Adopted Budget

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| Police Services | \$13,327,900 |
| Public Works | \$7,359,500 |
| Management Services | \$4,333,800 |
| Community Services | \$2,917,900 |
| Development Services | \$2,174,000 |
| Economic Development | \$1,883,100 |
| City Attorney (legal services) | \$1,296,900 |
| Finance | \$923,300 |
| City Manager's Office | \$634,400 |
| City Council | \$150,300 |

Total Expenditures **\$35,001,100**



Expenditures "Where the Money Goes"

Lake Forest's New Neighborhoods

Spotlight on Whisler Ridge

Whisler Ridge will be completely built out by the end of 2013! To date, nearly all of the 68 homes have been sold with many of the homes already occupied by new residents. As part of the Whisler Ridge project, street improvements were made to enhance public safety which included the installation of new curbs, gutters, and five-foot sidewalks on the south side of Regency Lane and the west side of Osterman Road.

Whisler Ridge is surrounded by rolling foothills and is conveniently located near the 241 and the I-5. Residents of the community will have easy access to amenities such as Regency Park, Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest, and the shopping centers of Foothill Ranch.



Passport Checklist

Need to apply for a new passport or a passport renewal? The City Clerk is available to assist with new passport applications and passport renewals. Passport applications are accepted in person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every other Friday, excluding all major holidays. For more information, call 461-3420.

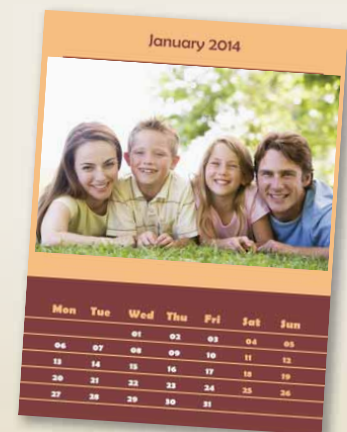
If you need a new passport, make sure to bring:

1. Evidence of U.S. citizenship such as a birth certificate, an expired U.S. passport, or a naturalization certificate. All documents must be originals.
2. A valid Identification Card such as a current driver's license or a government or military-issued ID.
3. One color passport photo, 2" x 2" in size, and taken within the past 6 months. Photos can be taken at the City Clerk's office.
4. Payment for passport fees. Fees vary depending on type of application.

If you need to renew a passport, most renewals can be done by mail if:

1. Your most recent passport is available to submit and it is not damaged.
2. You received the passport within the past 15 years.
3. You were over the age of 16 when it was issued.
4. You still have the same name, or can legally document your name change.

2014 Community Calendars Coming Soon



The 2014 Community Calendar showcases why residents love Lake Forest and features wonderful photos of places, spaces, and faces in our community. We thank all those who participated in the contest. Calendars are free and will be available at City Hall starting December 15.

Volunteer Spotlight! Congratulations Doug Cirbo for sharing your volunteer story and inspiring others to volunteer. If you have a volunteer story to share, submit your articles to chon@lakeforestca.gov today!

Volunteering At American Youth Soccer Organization Region 85

AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) Region 85 serves Lake Forest, Portola Hills, Foothill Ranch, and Silverado Canyon for kids ages 4-18 who love playing soccer in a friendly and fun environment. Next year, Region 85 will celebrate its 40th year anniversary and AYSO National will commemorate 50 years of providing world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives.



Hundreds of busy AYSO volunteers dedicate thousands of hours to support our young soccer players. They bring smiles to kids' faces as they serve as coaches, referees, mentors, instructors, and field preparation workers. In addition, you will also find volunteers serving as board members while others lend a helping hand with registration and at concession stands. If you would like to join our team, visit www.ayso85.org.

Mark Your Calendars! New Business Reception

The City is hosting a Business Reception for new Lake Forest businesses on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Lake Forest City Hall. The welcome reception will offer a light meal and provide attendees with an overview of business resources and marketing tools, and feature information booths from the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce, SCORE Business Counselors, Small Business Administration, Business Watch, and more! Contact Economic Development at economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov or at 461-3567 to receive your official invitation.



VILLAGE POND PARK COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The third Village Pond Park Community Workshop will be held at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on Thursday, November 21 at 7 p.m. Nuvis will present a preliminary plan that keeps the pond in its current configuration, as well as proposing options to help control the waterfowl population.

From Home Improvement to Water Improvement

As you renovate, remodel or improve your home, keep in mind these simple tips to reduce urban runoff and prevent water pollution:

General Construction

- Schedule projects during dry weather.
- Keep all construction debris and materials away from the street, sidewalk, gutter, and storm drain.
- Store materials under a cover with temporary roofs or plastic sheets.

Building Materials

- Order only the amount of materials needed for a job to minimize waste.
- Wash concrete mixers and equipment in a designated area where the water can flow into a containment area and not into the gutter or storm drain. Never hose materials into a street, gutter, or storm drain.

Paint

- Place lids on firmly and store paint cans in a dry location.
- Wash brushes and other tools in sinks connected to a sanitary sewer.
- Take leftover paint to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center and never put wet paint in the trash. For locations and hours, call (714) 834-6752 or visit www.oclandfills.com.

Spills

- Clean spills by using an absorbent material.
- Report spills that have entered the street, gutter, or storm drain to the 24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline at (877) 89-SPILL.



Remember, the Ocean Begins At Your Front Door.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

Holiday Tree Recycling

Waste Management of Orange County will recycle your Christmas trees from December 26, 2013 through January 17, 2014. Leave your undecorated tree at the curb near your trash cans on your regular trash pick-up day. Be sure to remove all decorations such as ornaments, tinsel, lights, and the tree stand. Trees taller than six feet must be cut in half. Residents can also cut their trees and place them in the green waste bin during or after holiday tree collection. Flocked trees will be collected but cannot be recycled. For more information, visit www.wmorangecounty.com.



Looking for a Pet? Visit Lake Forest Pet of the Week!



Visit the City's website to meet the Lake Forest "Pet of the Week!" The "Pet of the Week" is a joint effort between the City and OC Animal Care to find a forever home for adoptable Lake Forest animals. A new pet is featured each week, along with an update on the adoption status of the previous Pet of the Week. Visit www.ocpetinfo.com for more available animals that are in need of warm and loving homes. For more information, contact OC Animal Care at 249-5160.

Recreation/Events Calendar

Fall/Winter 2013 (November-December)

NOVEMBER

**Resident Winter
Registration Begins 8 am**
Online, Mail-In, Walk-In

12

Vista Lookout Hike

16

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Whiting Ranch Park
(Borrego Entrance Parking Lot)

Fee: \$3 per person
\$3 parking fee

**Pre-registration
for this activity is required**



Save the Date:
**SnowFest
2014**

Saturday, January 25
**See inside Leisure Times
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DECEMBER

North Pole Calling

3-5

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr)

Free to Lake Forest residents.

- * Ages 3-4 will be called 12/3
- * Ages 5-6 will be called 12/4
- * Ages 7-8 will be called 12/5

**Pre-registration
for this program
is mandatory. Deadline
to register is Wednesday,
November 27.**



**Breakfast and
Brunch With Santa**

7

8:30-10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center
(25550 Commercentre Dr)

Fee: \$6 per person
(children 3 and older
must be registered)

**Pre-registration
for this program
is mandatory.**



**32nd Annual
Victorian Christmas**

7

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Heritage Hill Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)

Fee: \$4 adults/
\$3 children
(ages 3-12)



**10th Anniversary
Celebration~
Etnies Skatepark**

13

7-10 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr)

Free admission



www.EtniesSkatepark.com

**28th Annual
Candlelight Tour**

14, 15

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Heritage Hill Historical Park
(25151 Serrano Rd)

Fee: \$4 adults/\$3 children
(ages 3-12)



**For more info on any of these activities,
call Community Services at 461-3450.**



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Important City Telephone Numbers



OC Animal Care 249-5160
Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Community Policing Center 461-3530
Community Preservation 461-3474
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Economic Development 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov
Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etnies skatepark.com



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"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are several different species of approved trees which may be planted in several City parks.



For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

| SPONSORS | TREE SPECIES | LOCATION | DEDICATION |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| The Patalsky Family: Jenny Lynn, Bobby, Andy, Chris | Magnolia Tree | Borrego Overlook Park | Happy Birthday Mum/Gramma, you are always with us and you will never be forgotten! |
| Joseph Lee and Cindy Van Rooyen | Magnolia Tree | Borrego Overlook Park | Correl Fleur Lee (Wife and Mother) |
| Brian and Le Ann Hubbard | Liquid Amber | Borrego Overlook Park | In Loving Memory of Richard Hubbard 1952-2008 |
| Lake Forest Garden Club | Magnolia Tree | Rancho Serrano Park | Loydele Kehler 2011-2013 President Lake Forest Garden Club |
| Jim Penn and Rudy Black | Magnolia Tree | Rancho Serrano Park | Alice and Vern Shields |
| Jim Penn and Rudy Black | Magnolia Tree | Rancho Serrano Park | Bea O'Riordan |
| Sergua and Helly Piral | Sycamore | Peachwood Park | To our Beloved Poodle "Bambino" who played in the park since he was 9 weeks old until his passing at 14 years old on August 13, 2013 |
| Kiwanis Club of Lake Forest: Connie Visconte and Lisa Tooley | Liquid Amber | Rancho Serrano Park | In Loving Memory of Helen Christine Matsil |
| Sara, Sandy Gloria, Judy, Grace, Sue, Ellen, Janice and Ann | Coast Live Oak | Foothill Ranch Community Park | In Loving Memory of our "Sister" Patty Nawrocki |
| Stovall and Tabar Families | Magnolia Tree | Rancho Serrano Park | You'll Live Forever in Our Hearts |
| From the Gals Who Love You! | Magnolia Tree | Rancho Serrano Park | In Memory of Dee Mills |
| Jack Evans Family | Liquid Amber | Borrego Overlook Park | Dan Raccuglia |
| Salman Rasheed and Family | Sycamore | Foothill Ranch Community Park | In Loving Memory of Haroon and Aziza Rasheed |

FAIR HOUSING An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471.

